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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**  
MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND

JEFF BARNES  
DIRECTOR

## MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office  
Lansing, Michigan

July 7, 2015  
11:26 a.m.

### PUBLIC MEETING

#### *Board of Trustees and Staff*

Chairman John E. James, present  
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present  
Trustee Robert Williams, present  
Trustee Barry Wood, present  
Trustee Shawn Wilson, excused  
Trustee Brandi McBride, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*  
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*  
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*  
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*  
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m.

#### **Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance**

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

#### **Introduction of Guests**

David Crofoot, Jim Hughes and Kim Stone, committee members for Oceana county  
Ed Ronders, Director of the Lapeer Veterans Affairs office  
Jolene Kreiner, Authorized agent for Lapeer County  
Ray Moore, Authorized agent for Missaukee County

#### **Public Comments**

Discussion among the guests and Board of Trustees regarding policies and the monthly Board meetings

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to approve the Public Minutes, of June 2, 2015, passed and carried.

### **Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration**

**There was one personal hearing conducted at the July 7, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 37 appeals and reviews were considered.**

**Case RR-1 (Ingham County)**

**APPROVED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application authorizing no more than \$1,328.65; for rent (\$1,080.00) and BWL (\$248.65).

**Case RR-2 (Marquette County)**

**WITHDRAWN**

**Case RR-3 (Sanilac County)**

**PARTIAL**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and partially approved your application for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,097.64. The remaining vehicle repair (\$805.07) has been denied because the emergent need has been met.

**Case A-4 (Sanilac County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof and gutters (\$4,100.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-5 (Lapeer County)**

**WITHDRAWN**

**Case RH-6 (Lapeer County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new metal roof (\$13,400.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-7 (Kalamazoo County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$509.45; for four medical bills \$233.79, \$96.10, \$76.38 and \$76.38 and one dental bills \$26.80. The Board of Trustees reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged with existing income. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-8 (Bay County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$4,051.54). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RO-9 (Genesee County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for electric bill (\$2,465.43). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RO-10 (Grand Traverse County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for an auto repair (\$1,973.06). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-11 (Jackson County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a new roof (\$4,825.00-\$9,900.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-12 (Clinton County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$727.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial state reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case Rr-13 (Saginaw County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for water/sewer utility (\$232.21). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RR-14 (St. Joseph County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a bed set (\$579.82). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-15 (Saginaw County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,738.47; for auto repairs (\$2,080.62), 6 months auto insurance (\$881.65), license plate (\$119.00) and four new tires (\$657.20). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve..

**Case A-16 (Wayne County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$2,734.00; for rent (\$2,534.00) and food (\$200.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation

**Case A-17 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,500.00). A grant is denied because you do not meet eligibility requires per Board Policy #102.

**Case A-18 (Saginaw County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for heat and electric (\$5,397.64). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-19 (VanBuren County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$3,800.00; for central air (\$2,750.00) and for electric hook-up (\$1,050.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

**Case A-20 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a used vehicle (\$1,500.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-21 (Macomb County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a used vehicle (\$2,249.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant's to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RC-22 (Mecosta County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for asbestos removal (\$3,930.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RC-23 (Mecosta County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your request for electric (\$4,421.07). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial hardship. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that a payment schedule can be arranged on existing income. The statement also reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s).

**Case RR-24 (Saginaw County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$1,600.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RH-25 (Iosco County)**

**PARTIAL**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for mortgage reinstatement (\$4,678.45). The remaining \$1,500.00 will be paid by the applicant.

**Case A-26 (Wayne County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage (\$2,621.01). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RH-27 (Osceola County)**

**APPROVED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees approved your application for a water line repair (\$2,500.00).

**Case RR-28 (Mecosta County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a new furnace (\$1,800.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case RM-29 (Huron County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental (\$6,067.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that our situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. The dental grant is not approved because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

**Case RR-30 (Ingham County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental (\$450.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-31 (Ingham County)**

**APPROVED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for rent (\$1,075.00). The heating utility (\$106.81) was paid by the applicant.

**Case A-32 (Kent County)**

**UNTIMELY**

**Case A-33 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,500.00; for electric (\$300.00) and rent (\$1,200.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-34 (Oakland County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,745.85; for electric (\$545.85) and rent (\$1,200.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case A-35 (Wayne County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$800.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

**Case A-36 (Ingham County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$890.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that our situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A closer review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

**Case RR-37 (Lake County)**

**DENIED**

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental work (\$2,624.00). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. The dental request is not approved because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

A MOTION (Williams/Wood) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was **5/37** for **\$10,679.74**. Approved **1/15** Appeals for **(\$1,075.00)**, **2/5** Review/Housing for **(\$7,178.45)**, **0/1** Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, **0/2** Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, **2/12** Review/Repetitive for **(\$1,328.65)** and **0/2** Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

**Accounting Report**

None

**Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration**

None

**County & District Committees--Committee Appointments**

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

Recommend Independent reappointment of the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
David Crofoot	Oceana – AL	12-31-2017

Recommend Independent appointment of the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Term of Service</b>
Paul Hitch	Lapeer County	12-31-2016

### **Unfinished Business**

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the updated status on the Ontonagon County MVTF Office which had previously been suspended. A letter signed by the Chairman James will be sent out closing the office down permanently.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the updated status on the Saginaw County MVTF Office. A plan was received from the committee and agent so the restrictions have been removed.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees on HB 4642 stating that there are working sessions have been scheduled for July, August and September.

### **New Business**

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that MiVHAP will not be accepting any more applications after August 7, 2015 and that the program will end in FY 2015.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he had a meeting with Operation Hope which offers financial counseling in person and on line. He will be doing more investigation to see if this would be something the Trust Fund could use in the future.

### **MVTF Board Activities**

Trustee Williams discussed topics that were talked about during the VFW State Convention.

Trustee Wood discussed topics that were talked about during the American Legion State Convention.

Trustee Kosal discussed the CORE program that was held on June 5, 2015 for veterans and the feedback they received.

### **MVTF Staff Activities**

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that the appointment for the new MCL nomination has been approved and he will start with the August 4, 2015 meeting.

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 am

*Approved:*

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*John James, Chairman*

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*Date*